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In re Patent Application of:  Ronald Pasqualini  Appln. No.: 09/164,216  Filed: September 30, 1998  For: ESD PROTECTION CIRCUIT UTILIZING FLOATING LATERAL CLAMP DIODES	Group Art Unit: 2811  Examiner: O. Nadav  <u>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED</u> <u>DECEMBER 17, 2002</u>
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on December 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

The claims have been amended to read as follows:

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15. (Seventh Amendment) A semiconductor chip having a substrate of a first conductivity type, the chip comprising:
- a plurality of pads;
  - an electrostatic discharge (ESD) negative ring;
  - a plurality of ESD positive lines, the plurality of positive lines not being electrically connected to each other, none of the positive lines being directly connected to a pad;
  - a plurality of ESD switches connected to the ESD positive lines and the ESD negative ring so that each ESD switch is connected to a positive line and the ESD negative ring;
  - a plurality of first diodes connected to the pads so that each first diode is connected to a pad and the negative ring; and

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